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which the National Government has no right to control. This is quite unnecessary, however, in order to secure more reliable mortality statistics.

CRESSY L. WILBUR.

Lansing, Mich., June 7, 1899.

I regret that I misunderstood the contention of Dr. Wilbur and so attributed to him a position which he does not hold. A reader interested in the question whether my interpretation of his language was forced may satisfy himself on that point by reading the original article and my criticism of it in the issue of this journal for March, 1897. Certainly I had no intention or desire to misunderstand.

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